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1. Editorial

by Morten Wilmann, Chairman

Dear Judges,

The 2017 WA Congress is history now and some changes that have been made following the Congress (and Executive Board Meeting) are now reflected in our new rules of April 1st.

Except from the «highlight» re shoot-offs when shooting outdoors (both recurve archers shoot a ten and compound archers shoot an X) causing a new shoot-off, irrespectively of how «good» the 10s (or Xs) are, there are in fact some other minor changes as well.

I just want to mention that the non-sighting eye does not any more need to be fully covered if using glasses or a patch, and the serving of the string in Barebow may now be within the sight vision. I want to invite to compare the new version of the rules with the previous one, so you can spot the changes. This review will also help you get ready for your re-accreditation test.

Looking a bit into the future, as seen in some other sports, the judges will probably be wired so that everyone may hear what they are saying to the archers, coaches etc. (Practical only during the Finals stage or Olympics/Paralympics). To ensure that the judges in fact are communicating there will possibly be a script for them, and as you'll see, the language (English knowledge and use) will be even more important.

On a shorter notice we'll have an International seminar combined with a Youth seminar in Lausanne in September, a Judge Conference in Lausanne in November – and a reaccreditation test in the end of the year. Preliminary appointments for the Olympics and Paralympics will be made this year due to the test events in Tokyo in 2019.

A busy year for all of us.

Have a nice summer,

Morten





2. Judge Commission Reports

The reports submitted by the Judges' Commissions at World Archery major events have become valuable documents for several reasons:

- They are very detailed as regards rule violations committed by archers and coaches from different countries in matters related with uniforms, high and side draws, archers coaching without an upgrade, etc. The chairmen and judges appointed for future World Cups and World Championships can use this information to see to it that the teams, coaches, and archers warned at previous tournaments comply with the rules in these new events.
- The details include organizational issues in venues where a World Cup will be held one year later again. The next-year's chairman and judges should then be able to pay more attention to these issues and make sure they have been overcome before the start of the event.

Commission chairmen are entitled to request from our Committee or from Severine Deriaz a copy of previous Commission reports as they prepare to officiate at a World Archery major event.

Here are some of the areas covered in the reports we have received from Commission Chairmen in 2018 so far. We have included suggestions to our chairmen and judges in connection with each of items listed below.

- The International Judges (only 6 are appointed to each Hyundai World Cup) met with the National Judges designated by the host National Federation. In these meetings the chairmen went through the rules to apply and used an interpreter from English to the local language to ensure the information was properly received. One of the chairmen mentioned that his national judges were not familiar with equipment inspection procedures and grabbed the archers' bows by their grip, as if they were going to shoot them. Chairmen: NEVER take knowledge for granted. EXPLAIN over and over again. Not all national judges have been trained the same way.
- Meetings of all the judges were held every morning before the start of the competition, and after the last arrows were shot at the end of the day. Chairmen: ENSURE consistency in procedures.
- Several teams come to the equipment inspection with their archers only. Coaches and team captains do not show. They HAVE to come with their teams, because the judges need to inspect their uniforms as well, and mainly because they should be accountable for changes to be made to the equipment upon the judges' instructions. Chairmen: READ the team managers' booklet before you fly, and ASK the technical delegate to include instructions so that team officials know they have to accompany their archers to the inspection. DO NOT start the inspection of a team if the team officials are not present.

- Coaches not wearing their team uniforms during shooting. A long list of teams with this issue (with photos of the coaches) has been included in the reports. Chairmen: ASK them to leave the field. INFORM the technical delegate.



- Archers with high-draws. Despite the fact that there is much more control over high-draws now, new cases are found at every new event. A list of archers found to be contravening this rule is included in every report. Chairmen: GET HOLD of the black lists from previous events. HAVE your judges patrol along the line on the day of official practice and during competition.





- Archers coaching other archers without an upgrade. This system started to be implemented in 2017. These upgrade cards cannot be transferred to another archer intending to coach. The Technical Delegate or a designated WA official keeps a list of the upgrades. Chairmen: ASK to have a copy of the list of upgrades and make it available to your deputy and the rest of the judges.
- A situation with a judge declaring a winner in a recurve shoot-off with arrows in the X and 10 rings. Chairmen: GO OVER the new procedure for individual shoot-offs with your judges before elimination matches start.
- A line judge was nervous / insecure during the Friday rehearsal and / or during the first Saturday matches. Chairmen: REPLACE the nervous judge. MENTION the situation in your report to the World Archery Judges' Committee. We cannot risk the control of the competition by allowing insecure judges to run the show. Unfortunately, there will be little chances that this judge will be appointed to a major event again, with an impact on his / her re-accreditation.
- Position of target numbers by the shooting line. Chairmen and Judges: ENSURE that the numbers are placed one meter in front of the three-meter line to avoid long stabilizers hitting the numbers.
- Wind flag poles too short. This was noticed at the first two stages of the Hyundai World Cup this year. A similar situation occurred with the target numbers at one of the Hyundai World Cups: they were too small. Chairmen: ASK the WA technical delegate to connect you with the person in the LOC who is involved with field equipment to make sure all measurements and sizes in the rules are complied with before you arrive. The "now it's too late to fix that" excuse must be prevented.
- Disqualification of archers for not having totaled their scores. Though this rule has been in place for more than two years, we still have archers who forget to write totals. And, as the rules specify, they shall be disqualified. Chairmen: HAVE all of your judges assist the archers at the targets at the end of 36 arrow rounds and elimination matches to help avoid situations in which an archer (or two, as happened in Antalya) is disqualified.
- Judge's position in simultaneous team matches. There needs to be consistency in the position of the judges when judging team elimination matches. Chairmen: MAKE SURE a consensus is reached under your guidance so that all the judges stand in a position that allows them to see both teams as they cross the line, but does not obstruct the team's rotation as one archer walks out and the next one walks in.

3. Rehearsals

World Archery started to do rehearsals for finals of major events several years ago. At the beginning, these rehearsals aimed more at getting everyone used to the venue, to the paths for the judges to walk to and from the targets, position of the judges' blinds, etc. Recently WA started to add "exceptional situations" to the rehearsals, like "yellow card" mistakes in a team finals, shots out of time, and even failure of the timing system or failure of the lights at an indoor event.



Some judges are not happy with these “unexpected scenarios”, in which they need to put their knowledge, skills into play and react immediately. Our Committee, however, thinks it is important to know that this is not aimed at bullying judges in any way. The intention is to provide practice and learning opportunities in a rehearsal where we are allowed to make a mistake and to learn from them.

Commission chairmen should warn line judges that these tricky situations will intentionally occur, and the judges should be focused and prepared to react to release aids on the string in a team match, archers dropping an arrow on the ground as they cross the line, a power failure, or an archer in the team shooting two arrows in one sequence.

These rehearsals are also a good opportunity for the chairman to decide which judges cannot handle pressure, and which ones are comfortable when working under stress. A wise Chairman would replace a line judge whose rehearsal was unsuccessful.

4. Wired Judges

In the last few WA events, our line judges have been wired so their communication with the archers and coaches can be heard. If you have watched Hyundai World Cup Finals on youtube, you may have realized that the use of the microphone demands clear instructions in the English language. You are very likely to receive a script which you will need to practice and use for ordinary order-of-shooting instructions or an “are you ready?” confirmation request. Unexpected situations may occur, and you will need to use WA’s official language to deal with them. The judges will now be more exposed to communicative situations in which they will need to display their skills in English and be heard by everyone watching the streaming everywhere around the world. Ready to face this challenge?

5. Issue with binoculars from 2017 Newsletter

In Newsletter No. 95 we replied to a case study regarding the use of binoculars by an archer during a Finals match. This is the reply we provided then:

“We are often saying that you should not “jump to conclusion”, which many of you obviously did this time. The rules for field of play in WA events are:

3.20.1.1. The following items for the athlete shall be allowed:

- *two bows;*
- *accessories as listed in [11](#).*

3.20.1.2. The following items for the team official shall be allowed:

- *One belt pack to carry archery accessories for the athlete or team; one pair of binoculars or spotting scope with tripod.*



From this rule it is quite obvious (we believe) that the archer is not supposed to bring along binoculars. This is why the field set up today contains two screens for archers to look at. Having said that, you may ask what are accessories? We believe that this refers to "accessories" mentioned in the rules – even if team official's belt pack also may have some spare equipment".

After some discussion with the WA Secretary General and the Chairman of the Constitution and Rules Committee we have come to understand that the accessories listed in Article 11 do include (more specifically in item 11.1.9) "other visual aids to be used for spotting arrows". Rule 3.20.1.1 allows all the items listed in this article. This means that the archer in question should be allowed to carry and use his binoculars while shooting a Finals match. Rule 3.20.1.2 lists what a team official is allowed, but does not limit the scope of article 11.1.9. Please make this correction to the reply we provided to case study 94.3 in issue 95.

6. New Judges Guidebook released

We are happy to inform you that the New Judges Guide book is now available online on www.worldarchery.org

7. World Archery Judges Conference

The last of three Conferences in the 2016-2019 Re-accreditation period will be held at the World Archery Excellence Center in Lausanne, Switzerland on November 3-4. The International Judges and Candidates who did not attend either of the Conferences held in Medellin 2016 and Bangkok 2017 will need to attend the one in Lausanne to comply with the Conference-attendance requisite established in Appendix 4 of the WA Constitution and Rules.

Those judges who were accredited for the first time in 2016 or 2017 are not obliged to take part in this conference, but they are welcome to attend.

As has been announced, the following topics will be addressed in the Conference Agenda:

- Judge Committee work and plan
- Sport Presentation
- Judge Structure
- New concept of the rule book and recent changes
- Various judging procedures
- Para-Archery
- Case studies
- Test – to be considered for re-accreditation (timed closed-book test)
- Commission chairperson responsibilities

Do not forget that the final date for registration is **15 September 2018**.

8. Obituary

In the first few months of 2018 we have lost two excellent human beings who were International Judges for several years: Jocelyn ACOP (PHI) and Jean Pierre GABARRET (FRA).

Jocelyn ACOP

One of FITA's / WA's most reliable judges for several years, Jocelyn ACOP (Philippines) passed away in her home country after fighting cancer for quite a long time. Jocelyn was an International Judge who officiated at the Athens 2004 Olympic Games, the Beijing 2008 Paralympic Games, and several major FITA and Asian events for more than ten years.

Before becoming a judge, Jocelyn was one of her country's best archers. She won Gold medals at the 1977 South East Asian Games in Kuala Lumpur (Individual and Team together with Carla Ramos (now Cabrera) and sister Marinella Guerrero). Jocelyn shot at the 1978 Bangkok Asian Games where she was the top archer from her country, and achieved team silver medal at the SEA Games in Jakarta in 1979 together with Carla and Marinella again. At the World Championships in Canberra 1977 she ranked 19th.

The Judges of the world mourn Jocelyn's passing. Our deepest condolences to her family and friends.



Jean Pierre GABARRET

Jean-Pierre GABARRET, a former World Archery international judge, died suddenly on 9 February 2018.

He was heavily involved in the French Archery Federation, of which he was a member since 1978 and served on its board of directors from 1992 to 2004.

A former national and international judge, Gabarret chaired France's National Appeal Commission of Discipline and Anti-Doping and was a member of the National Judges Commission for several years.

Jean Pierre was a very active judge at World Archery major events.



9. Replies to Case studies N°95

Q: 95.1 In a mixed team match the lady archer walks out of the one meter line after shooting her arrow in an alternate shooting rotation. As her teammate is standing on the shooting line preparing to shoot, she reaches out her arm to pick up an arrow of her own that she had accidentally dropped in the 1 meter area close to the shooting line. What would you do if you were the judge here?

WA JC Answer: As a vast majority of the judges mention, no rule offence is made here (no time advantages) and if you should do something, it may be to ask the coach to tell his archers to avoid such disturbances during shooting.

Q: 95.2 During official practice, two judges are appointed to patrol the shooting line looking for high draws and other possible issues. The judges spotted the archer in the picture and discussed whether the lens he is wearing is acceptable or not. If you were one of the judges, what would you consider to make your decision?

WA JC Answer: Most of you correctly mentioned that you have to check the glasses (so there is no micro hole, markings or anything not acceptable). It seems from the photo that there are «normal» lenses in use.

Some of you also give comments on the patches as they should not cover any broad view of the field (safety reasons). Let us also mention that it is not any more necessary to fully cover the non-sighting eye.



Q: 95.3 A compound team Gold medal match using alternation in the rain. In the first rotation the sight on archer A's bow gets blurred with the rain. This archer walks out of the line, and archer B walks in. Archer B shoots two arrows before walking out. Archer C walks in and shoots one arrow. In the second half the three archers in the team shoot one arrow each. The line judge unbelievably did not realize archer B had shot two arrows in the first half, and did not raise his red card.

When the target judge, his scorer and the agents walk to the targets to score, they find the following situation.

There are four arrows in the left hand side target, with values 9, 9, 8 and 5. Three of these arrows have the same fletching (the three with the highest values). On the right hand side target for the same team there are two arrows shot by one archer (archer C); both arrows are in the 9 ring.

How would you score here?

WA JC answer : In this situation our judges did not agree on how to deal with the scores and the whole situation could have been avoided (with a line judge being attentive). We believe the steps should be like this:

4 arrows in one center, only the three lowest scores are taken down (the highest value becomes a miss). (= 9-8-5-M). Then we have an unshot arrow (A shot only one arrow). He will get an M for the unshot one.

Then we have the following values: 9-9-9-8-5-M-M (6 lowest out of 7 values = 9-9-8-5-M-M).

However, we also have one arrow out of sequence (archer B shot three arrows), deducting the highest score (= M-9-8-5-M-M)

If you – as a line judge – notice that one archer is about to shoot his second arrow, you should immediately approach the coach to indicate that the archer should shoot only one arrow. Then you might avoid the whole issue. It is also a point that if one archer is not shooting, you need to get information from the coach. The team's time will be running and the DoS need to know what to do! This has to be done quickly.

Let's say that if, in spite of the judge's warning to the coach, an archer shoots two arrows (and gets the red card), you should instruct the team that this archer will not shoot in the second detail, in order to avoid the seven arrow situation.

Since a couple of judges are pointing out that the action (re scoring) is now taken by the target judge (no red card), we must underline that the red card is just for information (a judge procedure) and should in no way affect the application of the penalty for shooting out of sequence.

10. New Case Studies

96.1 A recurve archer shows up at an equipment inspection **at a local shoot** with a string with two knots about 10 cm from each of the loops. The knots are made with the same string, probably to shorten it. Would you allow these knots?

96.2 An archer shot an arrow which broke into 3 pieces, 1 piece ended up behind the shooting line, 1 piece fell at her feet and the other piece ended up 20 meters out front. The judge allowed her to shoot another arrow by the wording of rule 12-5-1. Was the judge's decision correct or incorrect?

96.3 Are these two items considered camouflaged?

96.3.1



96.3.2



Replies to the case studies should be sent to sderiaz@archery.org before 31 July 2018

11. Pictures of recent Judges Commissions



The Judges at the World Indoor Championships in Yankton, USA



The Judges at the Hyundai World Cup in Shanghai



Some of the judges at the World Cup in Antalya